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Report of: WILLIAM M. SMITH Office: New York, New York
Date: 6/19/67

Field Office File #: 100-158398 Bureau File #: 100-442484

Title: MICHAEL ISAAC LASKY

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY-C

Synopsis: Subject resides at the CP, USA-ML Bookstore, 9122 South Compton Avenue, Los Angeles, California, where he retains his Party position as General Secretary. Activities, including statements made during New York television appearance, set forth. LASKY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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DETAILS:

The Communist Party, United States of America, Marxist-Leninist (CP, USA-ML), mentioned herein, is characterized in the appendix hereto.

The Provisional Organizing Committee for a Marxist-Leninist Communist Party (POC), is also characterized in the appendix hereto.

The Socialist Workers Party (SWP) mentioned herein, has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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I. BACKGROUND

A. Residence and
Employment

As of April 12, 1967, subject was residing at the CP, USA-ML Bookstore, 2521 Eighth Avenue, New York, New York.

HENRY COCHRAN
Rental Agent
2469 Eighth Avenue
New York, New York
April 12, 1967

Information was furnished indicating subject was to leave New York City, April 30, 1967, for Los Angeles, California.

NY T-1
May 6, 1967

Information was furnished indicating LASKY decided to remain in Los Angeles and not return to New York City. He resides at the CP, USA-ML Bookstore, 9122 South Compton Avenue, Los Angeles, California, and retains his position as General Secretary, CP, USA-ML, at the same address.

NY T-2
May 15, 1967

II. AFFILIATION WITH THE
CP, USA-ML

A. Position Held

Subject is General Secretary of the CP, USA-ML.

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B. Activities

On May 6, 1967, subject spoke at a CP, USA-ML meeting at that organization's bookstore, 2521 Eighth Avenue, New York City, and terminated the gathering early, in order to catch an airplane for Los Angeles.

NY T-1
May 6, 1967

Information was furnished indicating the subject came to New York City by Greyhound Bus after leaving Los Angeles, March 3, 1967. On the day prior to his leaving, he attended a special CP, USA-ML meeting in Los Angeles, dealing with a serious factional dispute within the organization.

During March, 1967, information was furnished indicating that subject's leadership of the CP, USA-ML was being challenged by E. W. SIMMONS, a Party member in Los Angeles, who has considered having subject "executed", in order to gain control.

As of March, 1967, ^{the} CP, USA-ML "center" was situated in the Watts District of Los Angeles, considered the primary area of concentration in the United States for Party political work, i.e., agitation, propaganda and recruiting for the "People's Armed Defense Groups". At the CP, USA-ML National Party Congress, over which subject presided in 1966, Watts, because of its Negro make-up, was named the focal point of activity because it is a genuine "proletarian" area where expressions of "revolt"... "force of arms"... and "uprisings" can be manifested.

The subject consequently will not cooperate with the "revisionists" of the CP, USA or bourgeois student groups which he loathes, but will concentrate on Watts and its "proletarian" population and have a secondary interest in Harlem, New York City.

NY T-2
March 6, 1967 to
March 21, 1967

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On March 18, 1967, subject attended a New York City conference on the "April 15th National Mobilization to End the War in Viet Nam" sponsored by the "Fifth Avenue Viet Nam Peace Parade Committee". At the conference, subject denounced the leadership for supporting the KENNEDY-FULBRIGHT-THANT position on Viet Nam, instead of expressing support for the National Liberation Front and the defeat of imperialism.

The subject was present at the above "Mobilization" held April 15, 1967 in New York City.

NY T-3
March 20, 1967 to
April 17, 1967

Subject was observed at the Sheepmeadow Section of Central Park, New York City, April 15, 1967, during the "Mobilization Against the War in Viet Nam", selling literature which he stated was the latest quotations of MAO TSE TUNG.

Special Agent of the
Federal Bureau of Investigation
April 15, 1967

The April 15, 1967 edition of the "Daily News", a New York City newspaper, carried an article entitled "Cops at Greatest Strength for Vietnik March Today", by WILLIAM FEDERICI. The article pointed out that "MICHAEL I. LASKY, General Secretary of the CP-USA, (Peking oriented), charged that the demonstrations were controlled by Communists and Socialist Workers Party. He agreed with the House Committee on Un-American Activities and said that this time the Committee is right. Facts are facts".

C. Television Appearance

On April 29, 1967, MICHAEL LASKY appeared on the "Alan Burke Show", which was broadcast on WNEW-TV, a New York City television station affiliated with the Metro-Media Broadcasting Company. The show was taped for use by other Metro-Media affiliates.

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LASKY indicated during his appearance that he is full-time organizer of the CP, USA-ML described by him as the only true CP in the United States. He indicated he favors the "revolutionary" approach of the Chinese Communists over the "revisionist" approach of the Soviets and the CP, USA, led by GUS HALL.

By way of personal background, LASKY said he was born in Brooklyn, New York, in 1941. Having attended the University of California at Los Angeles for a year and a half, he went to work for a retail clerks union where he was an organizer and later an international representative. In mid-1964, he "joined the Provisional Organizing Committee to Reconstitute a Marxist-Leninist CP, which was formed in 1958 as a result of a split at the seventeenth convention of the CP".

Replying to BURKE's query as to whether he was a Communist, LASKY said, "I specifically am a Communist-Marxist-Leninist."

LASKY proceeded to state on behalf of his organization: "We believe that the essential nature of a class society, especially an imperialist society such as the United States, will only be basically altered by revolution". . . not by "reform" or "transformation" within the present political context of this nation". Referring to the remedy available to the oppressed working class, he said, "Only by preparing for armed insurrection and revolution at a subsequent point will they be able to solve the basic questions of exploitation and oppression".

LASKY later explained, "Our basic strategic objective is the overthrow of the capitalist system in this country, the United States of America, since it's the main impediment to social progress and becoming morose. Specifically, we wish to establish what we call the dictatorship of the proletariat in this country, which is, specifically, the democratic exercise of state power in the hands of the majority, instead of the hands of the minority."

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On the question of Viet Nam, LASKY said, "We endorse the stand of the National Liberation Front and the position of the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam". He called for "complete and unconditional withdrawal of all American troops" prior to negotiations.

Garbed in military attire during the BURKE interview, LASKY said, "We advocate that armed defense groups be formed" in the United States "to meet tit for tat, the use of force and violence against the people-the poor and the exploited." He said his uniform was representative of the groups he had in mind.

LASKY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

APPENDIX

1.

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA,
MARXIST LENINIST

On August 24, 1965, a source advised that the West Coast Provisional Organizing Committee for a Marxist-Leninist Communist Party (WCPOC) was formed in Los Angeles, California, on August 23, 1965, under the leadership of MIKE LASKY. Although similar in name, the newly organized WCPOC had no connection whatsoever with the Provisional Organizing Committee for a Marxist-Leninist Communist Party (POC) or the latter's West Coast POC.

On September 7, 1965, the above source advised that a National Conference of the newly formed WCPOC was held over the September 4-5, 1965, weekend in Los Angeles. At that meeting, the name WCPOC was dropped, and the Communist Party, USA, Marxist-Leninist, (CPUSA, M-L) was formed under LASKY's leadership. The CPUSA, M L has the following aims and purposes:

1. To conduct guerrilla warfare training, including the use of firearms
2. To organize CPUSA, M L cells in the South to exploit all racial situations that might arise there to agitate the population and create situations which would require the use of Federal Troops so that Americans would be fighting Americans
3. To establish and maintain an accelerated recruiting program to include acceptance of anyone who is an anti imperialist.

On May 12, 1966, the above source advised that the CPUSA, M L continued to exist.

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APPENDIX

PROVISIONAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE FOR A
MARXIST-LENINIST COMMUNIST PARTY (POC)

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the Provisional Organizing Committee for a Marxist-Leninist Communist Party:

"Provisional Organizing Committee for a
Marxist-Leninist Communist Party (POC)

"1. Found to be 'a new Communist splinter group.' The Provisional Organizing Committee for a Marxist-Leninist Communist Party 'also known as the POC * * * was formed in August 1958 by a number of Communist Party members who were dissatisfied with the trends and policies of the party and, while within it, had referred to themselves as the Marxist-Leninist Caucus.'

'The leaders and participants in the Provisional Organizing Committee group had been expelled from the Communist Party on the technical charge of "disruptive, factional, anti-party activities."

'The POC group is composed largely of extreme left-wing elements from the Communist Party. Throughout the party's history, there have been contending right- and left-wing factions which, in periods of turmoil such as the party has gone through in the recent past, have fought for control. The POC elements lost out in this recent struggle within the U. S. party * * *.'

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APPENDIX

PROVISIONAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE FOR A
MARXIST-LENINIST COMMUNIST PARTY (CONT'D)

'The one fact that is completely clear today is that the POC group is made up of hard-core, dedicated, and extremist Communists who, despite their present differences with the Communist Party leadership, are intent upon doing all within their power to speed the achievement of the goals of international communism.'

(Committee on Un-American Activities, Annual Report for 1959, House Report 1251, February 8, 1960, pp. 69 and 70.)"

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Reference	is made to the report of Special Agent William M. Smith at New York dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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Report of: SAMUEL W. NORTH, Jr. Office: Los Angeles, California
Date: 9/2/66

Field Office File #: 100-60180 Bureau File #: 100-442484

Title: MICHAEL ISAAC LASKY

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Synopsis: As of August, 1966, LASKY, who is also known as M. I. Laski, was General Secretary of the Communist Party, USA, Marxist-Leninist (CP USA, M-L) and, as such, its leader. During 1966, he was in attendance at CP USA, M-L functions. His participation in activities set forth. Inasmuch as he has advocated robberies and the arming of people to combat "police brutality" and, as he reportedly had access to firearms, LASKY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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DETAILS:

BACKGROUND

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PD Los Angeles Calif.	MICHAEL ISSAC LASKY #LA 577 338-L	7/10/61	496 PC (Receiving Stolen Property) BKG 427956 2 counts	9/6/61 dism Filed 594 PC-NB; 1 yr prob, 100 x 20 pd.
SO Los Angeles Calif	MICHAEL ISAAC LASKY #C-187678 Residence: Redondo Beach Calif	1/17/65	trespass- ing & inciting to riot	
PD Los Angeles Calif	MICHAEL ISAAC LASKY #LA 577 338-L Residence: 1313 E. Firestone Blvd	3/25/66	242 PC (battery against a pol officer)	
SO Los Angeles Calif	MICHAEL ISAAC LASKY #C-187678/ C-407643 Residence: Los Angeles, California	7/11/66	dist the peace	30 das

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LA T-1 (4/5/66)

On March 25, 1966, at approximately 9:20 PM during a teach-in at the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) sponsored by the W. E. B. Du Bois Clubs of America (See Appendix) and others when DOROTHY HEALEY, Southern California spokesman for the Communist Party (CP), was being introduced, MIKE LASKY and one other jumped on the stage and demanded equal time to express their views. They were removed from the stage and LASKY was arrested.

RESIDENCE AND EMPLOYMENT

LA T-2 (8/24/66)

As of August, 1966, MIKE LASKY, who is also known as M. I. Laski, was residing at 631 Calle de Arboles, Redondo Beach, California, and was General Secretary of the CP, USA, Marxist-Leninist (CP USA, M-L) (See Appendix), 9122 South Compton Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

MAX BRINKER
Manager
Strand Hotel
206 West 43rd Street
New York City, New York
(6/24/66)

M. I. LASKI of 9122 South Compton Avenue, Los Angeles, California, per registration card, arrived at that hotel on June 17, 1966, and departed on June 23, 1966, presumably to return to California. While a resident at the hotel, LASKI stayed alone in Room 1005A.

On June 21, 1966, LASKI held a press conference at the hotel from about 10:30 AM - 12:00 noon which was attended by various newspaper reporters and television crews. Because of the bulky size of the television equipment, this conference was held in the lobby of the hotel. (Details of conference set forth on pages 9 and 10)

CONNECTIONS WITH THE
CP USA, M-L

MEMBERSHIP

LA T-2 (8/24/66)

As of August, 1966, MIKE LASKY was General Secretary of the CP USA, M-L and, as such, its leader.

ATTENDANCE AT FUNCTIONS

All the following functions were held in the Los Angeles area:

LA T-1 (3/1/66 - 3/11/66)

During the period February 10, 1966, to February 16, 1966, MIKE LASKY was in attendance at the following CP USA, M-L functions:

- 2 meetings
- 1 public meeting

LA T-2 (4/1/66 - 7/2/66)

During the period March 25, 1966, to July 1, 1966, MIKE LASKY was in attendance at the following functions:

- 2 CP USA M-L meetings
- 2 CP USA, M-L work meetings
- 1 CP USA, M-L educational
- 1 CP USA, M-L sponsored public meeting
- 2 meetings of the Central Committee of the CP USA, M-L

PARTICIPATION IN ACTIVITIES

LA T-1 (3/11/66)

At a CP USA, M-L public meeting held February 11, 1966, at 1313 East Firestone Boulevard, Los Angeles, MICHAEL LASKY told of United States imperialism and how it influenced the national colonial question.

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LA T-1 (3/11/66)

At a CP USA, M-L meeting held February 16, 1966, at 1313 East Firestone Boulevard, Los Angeles, MIKE LASKY went to the filing cabinet and withdrew two revolvers therefrom. He stated that \$90.00 was spent in their purchase. In addition, he discussed the expulsions of two people from the CP USA, M-L.

LA T-2 (4/1/66)

At a meeting of the Central Committee of the CP USA, M-L held March 25, 1966, at 1313 East Firestone Boulevard, Los Angeles, MIKE LASKY announced that a robbery was lined up and it should be worth \$6,000.00. He said the robbery would probably be pulled off in a week and although a number of comrades would be used, some of the leaders would not be used in event something went wrong the Party would still be able to function.

LASKY also advised that the "revisionist" CP would hold its conference in New York City and that he and one other would go to New York City and conduct an anti-revisionist campaign.

LA T-2 (4/11/66)

At a CP USA, M-L meeting held March 27, 1966, at 1313 East Firestone Boulevard, Los Angeles, the activities at the recent teach-in at UCLA were evaluated.

MIKE LASKY claimed that the incident was a success in that "we" were able to get national publicity. LASKY said he was not concerned about the arrest and that he did not believe the charges would hold up in court.

LA T-2 (6/20/66)

In about March, 1966, MIKE LASKY, ESTON SIMMONS, and HENRY MAUST, all CP USA, M-L members went to the Washington-Canadian border in a truck driven by MAUST to take delivery of some literature from China from an unnamed Canadian source. The trio ran into difficulties,

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not otherwise described, at the border and were denied entrance into Canada; therefore, the literature was not picked up.

LA T-2 (4/22/66)

On April 10, 1966, MIKE LASKY participated in a CP USA, M-L distribution of "People's Voice" in the Watts area of Los Angeles.

"People's Voice' is self-described as a publication of the CP USA, M-L."

LA T-2 (4/22/66)

At a meeting of the Central Committee of the CP USA, M-L held April 15, 1966, at 1313 East Firestone Boulevard, Los Angeles, which was held to discuss the recruiting, MIKE LASKY recommended that the Party concentrate on recruiting people with administrative or clerical ability.

LA T-2 (4/22/66)

During April, 1966, MIKE LASKY said that one of the most pressing problems of the CP USA, M-L was the shortage of operating funds. He said that that condition could be overcome by doing what "we" feel is correct. He added that, as communists, "we" do not have any respect for capitalists, rules or laws and only recognize the needs of the working class.

LA T-2 (4/1/66)

The above source furnished a leaflet issued by the CP USA, M-L captioned "REACTIONARY VIOLENCE MUST BE MET WITH REVOLUTIONARY VIOLENCE", a portion of which is set out verbatim as follows:

"As was stated by M. I. LASKI,--spokesman for the Communist Party U.S.A. (Marxist-Leninist), 'our aim is to lead the working class in revolution, we will develop and encourage people's defense groups for the defense of the working class against the terror of the ruling class.'"

LA T-2 (7/21/66)

At a CP USA, M-L sponsored public meeting held July 1, 1966, at 9122 South Compton Avenue, Los Angeles, MIKE LASKY called for the formation of armed self-defense groups to combat police brutality and to provide a means for the workers to take what is rightfully theirs. LASKY said that the Party would aid any organization or group interested in the formation of self-defense groups. LASKY also said that the real solution, not further explained, would come when the workers united in the struggle and completely overthrow capitalism.

LA T-2 (8/9/66)

During August, 1966, MIKE LASKY stated he had made contact with about 20 people in New York and that they had formed a study group. LASKY said they needed to be formally organized and brought into the Party. LASKY also stated that two of the leading comrades, including himself, would have to go to New York to do some organizing work and that the national direction of the Party would be from there.

LA T-3 (7/29/66)

During June, 1966, M. I. LASKI, Secretary General, of the CP USA, M-L, was in correspondence with Mr. YIE LEIY, Peace Book Company, Hong Kong.

LA T-3 (7/20/66)

As of July, 1966, the ideology espoused by MICHAEL LASKY was that of the Chinese Communists, proposing violence and revolution by the proletariat in an effort to overcome the alleged oppression by the ruling classes. Source characterized LASKY as an extremely militant individual attempting to assume complete control of the CP in the United States in the name of the CP USA, M-L. According to source, LASKY views the CP in the United States, headed by GUS HALL, as a revisionist organization whose aims are antithetical to the Marxist-Leninist tradition. LASKY envisions himself as the head of the entire CP and is working toward this end without concerning himself with the consequences of his actions.

LA T-3 (7/22/66)

As of July, 1966, MICHAEL LASKY, General Secretary of the CP USA, M-L, was attempting to split the Progressive Labor Group in Los Angeles by causing dissatisfaction among members within the Party. LASKY receives money and support from some Progressive Labor Party (See Appendix) members. LASKY also receives support from approximately ten Chinese companies who pay for the "People's Voice" newspaper. China Features, a publishing firm in Peking, China, pays the CP USA, M-L \$5.00 a copy for 50 "People's Voice" newspapers. Source advised "People's Voice" newspapers normally sell for ten cents a copy and the \$5.00 received for each copy from China Features is in the form of subsidy to the CP USA, M-L.

Source recalls LASKY mentioning on numerous occasions the CP USA, headed by GUS HALL, as being a group of "parliamentary communists" who are attempting to take over the United States through the usual democratic process. LASKY believes in the use of arms and insurrection in order to take over the United States and believes this can be accomplished through the use of revolutionary force only.

R. LASKER
United States
Customs Inspector
San Ysidro, California
(2/18/66)

While on duty at the Port of Entry on February 13, 1966, the above source stopped a 1961 Valiant automobile, driven by MICHAEL ISAAC LASKY and ESTON W. SIMMONS, residents of the Los Angeles, California area.

A search of this automobile reflected they were carrying four boxes containing the publication entitled, "Pekin Informe" printed in Peking, China. Upon inquiry these individuals made quite a scene, stating that their civil rights were being violated. They stated they had taken the publication to Tijuana to give to one FRANCISCO RODRIGUEZ, a well-known Communist in Tijuana, B. C. Mexico,

but that he was only interested in a small portion of them so they were bringing the rest of them back to the United States. LASKY stated that he has a permit issued by the United States Government to receive this type of literature but had left it in Los Angeles. According to LASKER, the pamphlets were stamped to read "Workers International Bookstore in Los Angeles". Mr. LASKER stated the value of these publications was listed as six cents each and that the total amount of the publications being transported by these two individuals amount to more than \$250.00.

On June 9, 1966, it was ascertained through an interview made under appropriate pretext by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that MIKE LASKY then intended to go to New York City to make plans for a counter convention to the CP USA National Convention being held June 23 through 26, 1966, in New York City. LASKY planned, while in New York City, to draw up a statement of condemnation of the revisionist policies of the CP USA to let the world know that the true Marxist-Leninist banner had not been dropped in the United States and to put the CP USA on guard to prepare for its destruction.

The "New York Post" of June 22, 1966, page 22, contained an article captioned, "US Communist Party Opening Parley Here". Part of the article, appearing over the byline of ANTHONY MANCINI, reads as follows:

"But there will be some empty chairs among the expected 300 delegates, according to MICHAEL I. LASKI, spokesman for the newly-formed, Peking-oriented Communist Party, USA (Marxist-Leninist).

"At a one-man press conference at the Hotel Strand, 206 W. 43rd St., LASKI said the rival organization was formed in Los Angeles last September to oppose the 'revisionist, fraudulent' makeup of GUS HALL's party, which LASKI claims espouses 'peaceful transition' to socialism instead of 'violent insurrection.

"It's the Communist Party of LYNDON BAINES JOHNSON,' said the 25-year-old radical, asserting that 'no true revolutionary' would attend the convention.

"LASKI estimated the planned boycott would deprive the gathering of 'at least one-third of its potential attendance.

"However, he refused to disclose the strength of his own group or divulge the name of any other member.

"We are a force nationally but won't give numbers,' he replied to reporters."

"The New York Times" of June 22, 1966, on Page 3 contained an article reporting that MICHAEL I. LASKI of Los Angeles, California, and General Secretary of the CP USA, M-L, called a news conference at the Strand Hotel, 206 West 43rd Street, New York City, "yesterday" (June 21, 1966), to urge revolutionary Communists "to boycott" the National Convention of the CP USA, which commences June 22, 1966. According to this article, LASKI stated, "We reject the revisionist conception of peaceful transition to socialism and state that the proletariat must prepare for violent revolution".

The July 12, 1966, issue of "National Review" carries an article on Page 658 captioned, "The WEEK" which is set out verbatim in part, as follows:

"The Communist Party of the United States is split,' declared Michael Laski, spokesman for the militant faction, in New York recently. 'Gus Hall is a revisionist, a tool of Johnson. We (the militants) are leading a proletarian insurrection. We will use violence. We agree on every point with the Chinese Communists.' And so on. And then, Marxist-wise, from theory to practice: 'The Party is presently engaged in the formation of

"of Peoples Armed Defense Groups in the Watts District of Los Angeles to oppose the rise of fascism. We have been operating and agitating openly in Watts for the past three years. The Party will expand its...propaganda...throughout the American nation and the Negro nation in the South."

MISCELLANEOUS

LA T-2 (6/16/66)

At a CP USA, M-L meeting held June 4, 1966, at 3102½ Brighton Avenue, Los Angeles, STEPHANIE SOKOLSKY, a CP USA, M-L member, urged the comrades to rally behind the leadership of MIKE LASKY and to push and use his name as much as possible. She commented that, "We all" try to emulate MIKE LASKY.

LA T-3 (7/31/66)

The CP USA, M-L proposed holding a demonstration at the Watts Station, Los Angeles Police Department, on August 11, 1966, to commemorate the killing of workers in the Watts area of Los Angeles in August, 1965. According to the above source, MIKE LASKY would attempt to harangue any crowd that might form in connection with the demonstration in an attempt to incite a riot or cause a disturbance.

LA T-4 (8/12/66)

The Office of the District Attorney, County of Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California, plans to seek felony indictments against MICHAEL LASKY of the CP USA, M-L for violation of Section 14400 of the California Penal Code (PC), Criminal Syndicalism. The matter will be presented to the Criminal Complaints Committee of the Grand Jury on August 16, 1966, and it is expected to be presented to the Grand Jury itself on August 18, 1966.

The above confidential source explained that Section 14400, PC, prohibits advocating a conception of revolution and violence and, under Section 14400, B 1, PC, the dis-

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tribution of hand bills and propaganda tending to incite revolution and violence.

LA T-4 (8/22/66)

As of August 22, 1966, the above matter had been postponed.

The August 1, 1966, issue of the "Herald-Examiner", a daily Los Angeles newspaper, carried an article captioned, "Red Leader 'Beaten by Cellmate'" which is set out verbatim as follows:

"Michael I. Laski, self-styled-leader of the Communist Party U.S.A. (Marxist-Leninist), today was in the prison ward of the County General Hospital for a physical checkup following a disturbance which sprouted as many versions as a Sunset Strip movie star fight.

"Laski, who has been serving a 30-day sentence for disturbing the peace at a UCLA peace rally, says he was set upon and beaten by a 'racist ex-Marine' prisoner who had been put in his cell.

"Investigators for the sheriff said the other prisoner was Fred Wheeler, 51, an ex-Marine with a heart condition, who is serving a sentence on a battery charge.

"A hand-out released by Laski's 'press secretary' said Laski was so badly beaten one side of his face is paralyzed and without sensation.

"'After the beating took place,' the hand-out stated prison authorities refused to move Laski out of the area of danger. No aid whatsoever was given him for 24 hours...It is thought that he has suffered a possible fracture of the cheekbone.'

"Deputies, however, said Wheeler claimed Laski was expounding his political philosophy when Wheeler grabbed him by the shirt and slapped him. Other prisoner-witnesses supported Wheeler's story."

The August 10, 1966, issue of the Los Angeles "Herald Examiner" carries an article "Two Red Leaders Run Out of Watts Festival". The article reflects that, because of threats of Watts Negro residents, M. I. LASKI and E. W. SIMMONS, described as "two leaders" of the CP USA, M-L, beat a "tactical retreat" from plans to take part in the forthcoming Watts festival. The article indicated that LASKI and SIMMONS said they were threatened with bodily harm if they participated in that festival.

According to the above article, the festival, due to run in Watts August 13 to 15 (1966), is planned as a gala mardi gras featuring music, dancing, painting, sculpting and other art forms.

Inasmuch as LASKY has advocated robberies and the arming of people to combat "police brutality" and, as he reportedly had access to firearms, LASKY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

APPENDIX

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA,
MARXIST-LENINIST (CPUSA, M-L)

On August 24, 1965, a source advised that the West Coast Provisional Organizing Committee for a Marxist-Leninist Communist Party (WCPOC) was formed in Los Angeles, California, on August 23, 1965, under the leadership of MIKE LASKY. Although similar in name, the newly organized WCPOC had no connection whatsoever with the Provisional Organizing Committee for a Marxist-Leninist Communist Party (POC) or the latter's West Coast POC.

On September 7, 1965, the above source advised that a National Conference of the newly formed WCPOC was held over the September 4-5, 1965, weekend in Los Angeles. At that meeting, the name WCPOC was dropped, and the CPUSA, M-L was formed under LASKY's leadership. The CPUSA, M-L has the following aims and purposes:

1. To conduct guerrilla warfare training, including the use of firearms;
2. To organize CPUSA, M-L cells in the South to exploit all "racial situations" that might arise there, to agitate the population, and create situations which would require the use of Federal Troops so that Americans would be fighting Americans;
3. To establish and maintain an accelerated recruiting program to include acceptance of anyone who is an anti-imperialist.

On May 12, 1966, the above source advised that the CPUSA, M-L continued to exist.

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PROGRESSIVE LABOR PARTY, LOS ANGELES CLUB

A source advised on May 23, 1966, that the Los Angeles Club of the Progressive Labor Party (PLP) is affiliated with the Bay Area Progressive Labor Party (BAPLP) with headquarters in San Francisco, California. The aims and purposes of the Los Angeles Club and the BAPLP are identical to those of the National PLP, with headquarters in New York City. The PLP is pro-Chinese Communist oriented.

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W.E.B. DU BOIS CLUBS OF AMERICA (DCA)

A source has advised that on October 26-27, 1963, a conference of members of the Communist Party (CP), including national functionaries, met in Chicago, Illinois, for the purpose of setting in motion forces for the establishment of a new national Marxist-oriented youth organization which would hunt for the most peaceful transition to socialism. The delegates were told that it would be reasonable to assume that the young socialists attracted into this new organization would eventually pass into the CP itself.

A second source has advised that the founding convention for the new youth organization was held from June 19-21, 1964, at 150 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California, at which time the name W.E.B. Du Bois Clubs of America (DCA) was adopted. Approximately 500 delegates from throughout the United States attended this convention. The aims of this organization, as set forth in the preamble to the constitution, are: "It is our belief that this nation can best solve its problems in an atmosphere of peaceful coexistence, complete disarmament and true freedom for all peoples of the world, and that these solutions will be reached mainly through the united efforts of all democratic elements in our country, composed essentially of the working people allied in the unity of Negroes and other minorities with whites. We further fully recognize that the greatest threat to American democracy comes from the racist and right wing forces in coalition with the most reactionary sections of the economic power structure, using the tool of anti-Communism to divide and destroy the unified struggle of the working people."

Over the Labor Day weekend, 1965, the DCA held a conference in Chicago, Illinois, and a new slate of officers was elected to the National Executive Committee (NEC) of the DCA. Since Labor Day, 1965, identities of those serving on the NEC has varied; however, according to a third source as of May, 1966, thirteen of the fifteen members of the NEC were members of the CP in the San Francisco Bay area.

As of July, 1966, the headquarters of the DCA was located at 180 North Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois.

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Title: MICHAEL ISAAC LASKY

Character: SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis: In 1964, LASKY was Chairman of the Los Angeles Provisional Organizing Committee for a Marxist - Leninist Communist Party (LAPOC) and Organizer of the POC West Coast Region. During 1964, he attended POC functions. His participation in POC activities set forth. In 1961, he participated in the picketing of the Belgian Consulate in Los Angeles. Sometime during the period from about January, 1959, to about December, 1960, LASKY was a member of the Workers World Party. During 1961, he attended a function of the Workers Action Committee (WAC) and handed out WAC literature. As of February, 1961, LASKY was a leader in the Student Union Party at the University of California at Los Angeles. In March, 1961, he attended the 23rd Anniversary Celebration of the "People's World." During 1961, he attended a Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC) sponsored picnic and participated in FPCC sponsored picket lines. In 1962, he attended Los Angeles Youth for Peace and Socialism (LAYPS) meetings and participated in LAYPS activities. Description set forth.

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DETAILS:

This case is predicated on information furnished by LA T-4 that, as of March, 1964, M. I. LASKI, Los Angeles Provisional Organizing Committee for a Marxist - Leninist Communist Party (LAPOC), maintained a Post Office box in Los Angeles, California.

BACKGROUND

Birth

LA T-1 (10/31/60)
Lieutenant LYNN BOYD,
University of California
at Los Angeles Police
Department (UCLAPD), 405
Hilgard Avenue, Los
Angeles, California (10/11/60)

MICHAEL ISAAC LASKY was born July 14, 1941, in New York City.

Education

LA T-1 (10/31/60)

Entered UCLA September, 1959, as a premedical student, changed to agriculture - withdrawn as of October 20, 1960.

El Camino College, Los Angeles, taking math and English, Summer, 1959.

North High School, 3620 West 182nd Street, Torrance, California.

Employment

Present

LA T-2 (8/19/64)

As of August, 1964, MIKE LASKY was unemployed and was drawing unemployment compensation.

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Past

SAM KINSORA,
Director, Retail
Clerks Organizing
Council of Southern
California, AFL-CIO,
5250 Santa Monica
Boulevard, Los Angeles
(1/16/64)

1/2/63 - 1/4/64	Retail Clerk Union Organizer
January, 1964	Organizer, International Division of the Retail Clerks Union, Salt Lake City, Utah
March - August, 1959	Food Market, Pacific Coast Highway, Torrance, California
Date not known	Food Giant Markets, Pacific Coast Highway, Torrance, California.
During high school	Box boy, Fox Market, 1321 Post Avenue, Torrance, California.

Residence

Present

LA T-2 (8/19/64)

As of August, 1964, MIKE LASKY was residing at
9624 Juniper Street, Los Angeles.

Past

Lieutenant LYNN BOYD
(supra) (10/11/60)

500 Landfair, West Los Angeles, California

631 Calle de Arboles, Redondo Beach,
California

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CONNECTIONS WITH THE PROVISIONAL
ORGANIZING COMMITTEE FOR A MARXIST-
LENINIST COMMUNIST PARTY (POC)
(See Appendix)

Membership

LA T-2 (7/16/64)

As of July, 1964, MIKE LASKY was Chairman of the Los Angeles POC (LAPOC) and Organizer of the POC West Los Angeles Region.

LA T-2 (7/16/64)

The LAPOC, which continues to exist, was organized in about January, 1964. This is a local branch of the National POC, which has its headquarters in Manhattan, New York, and its aims and purposes are identical to those of the National POC.

LA T-2 (8/19/64)

As of August, 1964, MIKE LASKY was Chairman of the LAPOC and Organizer of the POC West Coast Region.

Attendance at Functions

LA T-3 (6/27/64)

One M. I. LASKI, of Los Angeles, was in attendance at the June 27, 1964 session of the West Coast Conference of the POC held in San Francisco, California.

LA T-2 (7/16/64)

Above source, who was exhibited a photograph of the M. I. LASKI in attendance at the West Coast Conference of the POC held in 1964 in San Francisco, advised that the person depicted was identical with MIKE LASKY of the LAPOC.

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LA T-2 (7/16/64)

From about late May or early June, 1964, to mid-July, 1964, MIKE LASKY attended an LAPOC meeting every Monday night at 9624 Juniper Street, Los Angeles.

LA T-2 (7/23/64)

MIKE LASKY was in attendance at an LAPOC meeting held July 22, 1964, at 9624 Juniper Street, Los Angeles.

Participation in Activities

LA T-2 (7/16/64)

During 1964, MIKE LASKY recruited for the POC. In addition, he instructed in POC aims and purposes and was an instructor at LAPOC meetings.

LA T-4 (4/1/64)

Above source received a mimeographed letter signed M. I. LASKI, L.A.P.O.C., Post Office Box 72112, Watts Station, Los Angeles 2, California, dated March 23, 1964. The letter announced the West Coast Conference of the POC to be held June 27 - 28, 1964, in San Francisco.

LA T-3 (6/27-28/64)

MIKE LASKI was Acting Chairman of the West Coast Conference of the POC held June 27 - 28, 1964, at 241 Sixth Street, San Francisco. As such, he announced the agenda and its proposed changes.

In answer to a question concerning the distribution of literature, LASKI responded, "The understanding that I have of the situation, and the way we are trying to apply it in Los Angeles, is that we spend the bulk of our time, in fact, all of our available time, in the proletarian communities concentration, and we don't have time to put out literature in these other areas. We don't look for them; if they want to come to us let them come to us. There was a tendency in LA, early, to go find help where we could find it and to go to these universities and try to cultivate help. But it wasn't worth it. They wanted us to come to them on their terms and we wouldn't do that."

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Acting Chairman LASKI reconvened the second session for a discussion of the second item on the agenda, "The Concrete Application of the General and Mass Line of the POC in the West Coast Area." A and B of the agenda have the connotation of two main questions - the trade union question and the national liberation question.

LASKI, in discussing the trade union movement stated, "The experience in Los Angeles has been this. A vain attempt has been made to organize the automobile maintenance workers. There exists in everyone of these car washer shops a militant element that are waiting, that desire organization. They want the union and in many instances have asked to be organized. They have been turned down by the teamsters and other unions because these unions do not want to upset the minority ratio in their union and bring potentially militant sections into their union. They are afraid to admit these people because of the disturbing effect that they will bring."

LASKI, on behalf of the West Coast accepted a proposal to bring a question on independent revolutionary unions to the Sixth National Conference and said that every effort would be made to get inside a union on the west coast and work with the rank and file.

LASKI acknowledged the need for systematic work to be done in every area where there is a comrade and he suggests that the West Coast agree to accomplishing the following things:

- 1.) A systematic distribution of "Vanguard";
- 2.) To publish and distribute a West Coast publication following the POC line.

LASKI continued that point three should be that "in every area we should publish leaflets on every problem that our class faces."

In his closing remarks LASKI said, "We are now preparing the ground work for a Marxist-Leninist Party in America, the revolutionary basis for the development of our classes liberation. In this liberation rests the fate and

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"development of mankind. The great bastion of the working class is the People's Republic of China and that and the other workers states are the most decisive factor of this epoch. We, as communists, have a great and tremendous task, that of transforming this society, our class, ourselves, into the necessary prerequisite to accomplish our historical goals. We must transform the POC into a Communist Party. We must transform the imperialist system, the most reactionary and oppressive system that we face today, into a socialist world order. This will be accomplished by us, the working people, and our great party will be the leader. The next two years will be crucial ones. We have much to do and we will do it. The role of the communists is to make revolution and to lead the class in revolution by raising their political level so that it may find its ultimate expression in the revolutionary act of liberation. This is what we in POC must strive for."

LA T-5 (7/23/64)

As of July 23, 1964, leaflets concerning the LAPOC were recently distributed by LASKI and one other. The source described the two as trouble makers, who source believed, were probing for riot type and incident situations. As an example, the source cited an incident which occurred about two weeks prior when a tenant was evicted from the Jordan Downs Housing Project, Los Angeles, for nonpayment of rent. LASKI and the other attempted to intervene, demanding to know what it was all about. Following this they contacted various tenants of the Jordan Downs Housing Project.

LA T-2 (7/23/64)

On July 23, 1964, MIKE LASKEY left Los Angeles for Davenport, California, to pick up a mimeograph machine and any other POC material in the possession of a person who had recently resigned from the POC.

LA T-2 (8/20/64)

As of August, 1964, MIKE LASKY maintained a Post Office box in San Pedro through which he received Chinese communist periodicals direct from Hong Kong.

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MISCELLANEOUS

Picketing of Belgian Consulate,
Los Angeles, California

LA T-6 (2/23/61)

On February 18, 1961, MIKE LASKY participated in the anti-United Nations picketing of the Belgian Consulate in Los Angeles, to protest the death of PATRICE LUMUMBA and to denounce the United States, United Nations and Belgium for being the direct cause of LUMUMBA's death.

Workers World Party
(WWP) (See Appendix)

Membership

JOHN THEODORE HAAS, a
self-admitted member of
the WWP from about
January, 1959 to about
December, 1960, 1930
Jewett Drive, Los Angeles,
(7/9/62)

Sometime during HAAS' period of WWP membership, HAAS knew MICHAEL LASKY to be a WWP member in Los Angeles.

Attendance at Functions

LA T-6 (6/16/64)

MIKE LASKY was in attendance at a Workers Action Committee (WAC) public meeting held June 10, 1961, at 132A South Washington Boulevard, Los Angeles.

LA T-6 (11/28/62)

The WAC is a committee set up by the Los Angeles Branch WWP (see appendix) for recruiting purposes.

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Participation in Activities

Lieutenant D. S. HAMILTON,
Detective Bureau, Torrance,
California Police Department
(6/9/61)

On June 7, 1961, MICHAEL ISAAC LASKY handed out WAC literature in Torrance.

Student Union
Party at UCLA

ALAN NEIL FEIGEN,
6101 1/2 Alcott, Los Angeles, California
(2/17/61)

As of February, 1961, MICHAEL LASKY was a leader in the Student Union Party at UCLA, a Marxist discussion group in the embryonic stage. During the Christmas Holidays, 1960, LASKY and one other traveled to New York City for the purpose of a national organization of Student Union Party at UCLA with New York groups. LASKY took the theme in discussions that "CASTRO is our new hero."

"People's World" (PW)

The PW is a west coast communist newspaper.

LA T-7 (3/23/61)

MIKE LASKY was in attendance at the 23rd anniversary of the PW held March 19, 1961, at 607 South Western Avenue, Los Angeles.

Fair Play for Cuba
Committee (FPCC)
(See appendix)

Attendance at Functions

LA T-7 (10/16/61)

On July 23, 1961, MIKE LASKY was in attendance at an FPCC sponsored picnic in Los Angeles to celebrate CASTRO's Cuban revolution.

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Participation in Activities

LA T-1 (4/25/61)
LA T-6 (4/21/61)

MIKE LASKY participated in FPCC sponsored picket lines held April 17, 19, and 22, 1961, at the Federal Building, Los Angeles, in protest to the alleged United States invasion of Cuba.

Los Angeles Youth
for Peace and Socialism
(LAYPS) (See Appendix)

Attendance at Functions

LA T-7 (4/13/62 - 7/10/62)

During the period April 3, 1962 to July 3, 1962, MICHAEL LASKY was in attendance at four LAYPS meetings held in Los Angeles.

LA T-8 (6/15/62)

MIKE LASKY was in attendance at a meeting of the LAYPS held June 12, 1962, at 4457 Lexington Avenue, Los Angeles.

Participation in Activities

LA T-7 (7/10/62)

On July 3, 1962, at a meeting of the LAYPS held at 4457 Lexington Avenue, Los Angeles, MICHAEL LASKY and one other asked that their report be accepted by the group. Their report strongly recommended that the group take "a socialist approach" in the coming elections. Their report was not accepted.

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Lieutenant LYNN BOYD (supra) (10/11/60)
Lieutenant D. S. HAMILTON (supra) (6/9/61)
SAM. KINSORA (supra) (1/16/64)
LA T-1 (10/31/60)

Name	MICHAEL ISAAC LASKY, also known as M. I. Laski, Mike Laski
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of birth	July 17, 1941
Place of birth	New York, New York
Height	5'11" - 6'
Weight	165 - 170 pounds
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Dark Brown
Marital status	Single
Parents	Father, WILLIAM AARON/LASKY, <i>N.Y.</i> born April 2, 1909, 631 Calle de Arboles, Redondo Beach, California

Mother, YETTA/LASKY, nee *N.Y.*
Schreider, also known as *N.Y.*
Mrs. WILLIAM AARON/LASKY,
631 Calle de Arboles. *N.Y.*

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APPENDIX

FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE,
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

A source advised on June 20, 1963, that the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC) was formed in New York City in Spring, 1960, under the sponsorship of certain well known pro-communists and "liberals" for the announced purpose of defending the "truth" about Cuba against alleged distortion by Cuba's enemies. A Greater Los Angeles Chapter of the FPCC (LA-FPCC) was formed in Los Angeles, California, in December, 1960 under the stimulus of the Los Angeles local of the Socialist Workers Party (LAL-SWP). The LAL-SWP was able to dominate and control the activities of the Los Angeles chapter without difficulty until 1962, at which time the Southern California District Communist Party (SCDCP) succeeded in gaining a foothold in the LA-FPCC executive committee, thereafter gradually reducing the control of the LAL-SWP.

The same source advised on May 13, 1964, that the LA-FPCC ceased outward activity in December, 1963, following unfavorable publicity resulting from the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY.

A second source advised on April 28, 1964, that the LA-FPCC went out of existence without any notice, and that although at meetings of the executive committee of the LAL-SWP, STEVE ROBERTS, West Coast Coordinator of the FPCC made no mention of it, OSCAR COOVER, Organizer of the LAL-SWP, mentioned in March, 1964, that the LA-FPCC was "no more".

Both the Communist Party (CP) and the SWP have been cited by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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LOS ANGELES BRANCH-WORKERS WORLD PARTY (LAB-WWP)

On May 11, 1964, a source advised that the LAB-WWP is a local branch of the National WWP. The LAB-WWP has been in existence since approximately September, 1960, and continues to exist. The aims and purposes of the LAB-WWP are identical to those of the WWP.

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YOUTH ACTION UNION
formerly known as Los Angeles
Youth For Peace and Socialism

A source advised on May 12, 1964, that during the period January through March, 1962, a series of formation meetings to establish a "socialist youth organization" was held in the Los Angeles area. LEONARD POTASH was acting chairman in charge of the group and PAUL ROSENSTEIN and FRANKLIN ALEXANDER were named to a provisional committee to help organize the new group. On April 3, 1962, the group officially selected the name of Los Angeles Youth For Peace and Socialism (LAYPS) and elected officers.

Source further advised that POTASH, ROSENSTEIN and ALEXANDER as of 1963, were all members of the Southern California District Communist Party (SCDCP).

A second source advised on May 12, 1964, that the LAYPS was organized with the full knowledge and assistance of DOROTHY HEALEY, Chairman of the SCDCP, and that several CP members had been approved by HEALEY to teach Marxist theory to the members of the LAYPS. This source further advised that the LAYPS would be a Marxist study and action group and that the teachings of KARL MARX would be followed. Source also advised that although the alleged purpose of the group was to promote "socialism" in the United States, the group considered themselves to be "CP oriented" and were anxious to study the brand of Marxism associated with the CP, USA.

The first source above further advised on May 12, 1964, that in June, 1963, the LAYPS changed the name of the organization to Youth Action Union for two

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reasons; the first being that it was felt the LAYPS had gained a bad reputation because of its association with CP groups, and the second because it was felt the word "Socialism" in the title was driving away possible recruits.

The chairman of the Youth Action Union is MARVIN TREIGER, who is also the chairman of the Youth Committee, SCDCP.

APPENDIX1PROVISIONAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE FOR
A MARXIST-LENINIST COMMUNIST PARTY (POC)

The Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications revised and published December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, contains the following on pages 142-143.

1. Found to be "a new Communist splinter group." The Provisional Organizing Committee for a Marxist-Leninist Communist Party "also known as the POC * * * was formed in August 1958 by a number of Communist Party members who were dissatisfied with the trends and policies of the party and, while within it, had referred to themselves as the Marxist-Leninist Caucus."

"The leaders and participants in the Provisional Organizing Committee group had been expelled from the Communist Party on the technical charge of 'disruptive, factional, anti-party activities.'

"The POC group is composed largely of extreme left-wing elements from the Communist Party. Throughout the party's history, there have been contending right and left-wing factions which, in periods of turmoil such as the party has gone through in the recent past, have fought for control. The POC elements lost out in this recent struggle within the U.S. party ***."

"The one fact that is completely clear today is that the POC group is made up of hard-core, dedicated, and extremist Communists, who, despite their present differences with the Communist Party leadership, are intent upon doing all within their power to speed the achievement of the goals of international communism."

(Committee on Un-American Activities, Annual Report for 1959, House Report 1251, February 8, 1960, pp. 69 and 70.)

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WORKERS WORLD PARTY

On April 17, 1959, a source advised that on February 12, 1959, a Socialist Workers Party (SWP) minority group, under the leadership of National Committee member Sam Ballan, split from the SWP.

The source stated that this minority group, referred to as the Marcyites, after many years of program and policy differences on varied issues concerning tactics and interpretation of political events, split from the SWP on the grounds that the Party was liquidating itself by departing from the Marxist precepts of Leon Trotsky and retreating from the fight for the world socialist revolution. The final issue which ultimately forced the split was the minority's opposition to the SWP regroupment policy which involved cooperation with the Communist Party (CP) periphery - individuals characterized by the minority as petty-bourgeois.

The minority program, according to the source, advocated unconditional defense of the Soviet Union and has as its goal the building of a revolutionary party with a complete proletarian orientation for the purpose of overthrowing capitalism in the United States and throughout the world.

On May 12, 1960, the source advised that this minority group had chosen the name Workers World Party.

On April 27, 1964, a second source advised that the Workers World Party, which maintains headquarters at 46 West 21st Street, New York, New York, supports the People's Republic of China in its ideological dispute with the Soviet Union.

The SWP and the CP have been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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